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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Anthony J. Christopher et al.  
Serial No.: 09/900532  
Confirmation No.: 3942  
Filed: July 6, 2001  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED PREPARATION  
OF AN OPTICAL FIBER  
Examiner: George R. Koch  
Art Unit: 1734

MS ISSUE FEE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the drawings and specification after receipt of the Notice of Allowance and before payment of the issue fee in the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this amendment.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this amendment and include attached replacement sheets of formal drawings.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this amendment.